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1. VIENTIANE NEWSPAPER "XAT LAO" CARRIED ARTICLE NOVEMBER 8
QUOTING SOURCE IN LABOR OFFICE ON UNEMPLOYMENT IN LAOS.
FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF "XAT LAO" ARTICLE:

BEGIN QUOTE. APPLYING A RECENT DECISION TAKEN BY
THE CABINET COUNCIL, THE LABOR OFFICE HAS BEGUN A CENSUS
OF THE UNEMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, WE LEARN FROM
THAT OFFICE.

ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, THE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT
WILL BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS THE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON
THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NAM NGUM DAM BEGINS.

ALL COMPANIES OR EMPLOYERS MUST HENCEFORTH GO THROUGH THE
LABOR OFFICE IN ORDER TO HIRE EMPLOYEES OR WORKERS, THE
SOURCE CONCLUDED. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE HAD NO NOTIFICATION FROM LABOR OFFICE
OR FROM ANY OTHER OFFICE OF THE PGNU THAT WE MUST
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HIRE ALL EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE LABOR BUREAU. WE WOULD

ASSUME THAT THE LABOR BUREAU IS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY
ORGANIZED TO HANDLE THIS TASK, BUT THAT, WHEN IT IS
ORGANIZED, WE WILL HAVE TO HIRE THROUGH THAT OFFICE.
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